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The friendships he has made with other workers do not seem to be very deep or very lasting. In Pathwe the workers were all friends, and even included his relatives as well. There are not many strangers in Pathwe and even people not connected by blood ties were treated like relatives.

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"In Rangoon the seller takes a profit on everything we have to buy for food; items like rice, vegetables and fruits. Of course he cannot be blamed, because he has a living to earn too. He gives wage-earners goods on credit, but charges an interest on those goods. In Pathwe U Myaing could get most of the necessary food without having to pay any interest or middleman's profits since he bought straight from the producer. In Rangoon all people who earn monthly wages are the same. They have to take goods on credit. Those who do not earn regular salaries are allowed credit, but they have to undertake to settle accounts by a fixed date.

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During the TAGU month festival, U Myaing gambled for money. He has gambled to stakes as high as three hundred rupees, but never up to one or two thousand. In Pathwe they had this on the PAIA-GYI-DAUNG side, and U Myaing joined in whenever he came across in other villages a group who were playing while on business. When he was young he gambled away Rs. 700/- while on a trip to KYANGHIN. They were all of them on the same boat and he lost that amount at DANUBYU. But by the time they reached LADONW he had recovered his money. The games they played were poker and HO-MEE.

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In their village they had people who held fights between game cocks. U Myaing never bred any of these fowls but he has placed bets on them several times, small bets to the value of four or five rupees. There is no special announcement made but word gets around that there is to be a match at such and such a place on such and such a day, and at the appointed time the villagers who are interested all congregate at that spot.

There are bookmakers among the assembled villagers who are willing to take any bets on either side. Cock fighting is carried on during the months of PYATHO and TADONW. And even then they have it during only four or five days in the month. U Myaing does not go to every meeting. In the ~~evening~~ the ground is not for game cock-fighting

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